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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S
ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT VNUKOVO AIRPORT, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19,
APPROXIMATELY 2100 HOURS MOSCOW TIME:

BEGIN TEXT:

2. I'M PLEASED TO BE IN MOSCOW FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND HIS COLLEAGUES. I VIEW
THIS MEETING AS AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE ONGOING QUEST OF
OUR TWO COUNTRIES FOR A STABLE STRATEGIC BALANCE AND WORLD
PEACE. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING SALT AND OTHER QUESTIONS
AFFECTING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND WORLD PEACE AND
STABILITY.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND I HAVE NOW MET FOUR TIMES
IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. AS A RESULT WE HAVE MADE
PROGRESS IN GETTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH
OTHER'S POSITIONS AND IN BRINGING THE TWO SIDES CLOSER
TOGETHER ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT
PROBLEMS REMAIN IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. I HOPE MY VISIT
HERE WILL MAKE PROGRESS ON THE REMAINING ISSUES.

4. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK FOR WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY, TO BROADEN THE COOPERATIVE ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, AND TO FIND WAYS TO REGULATE ITS MORE COMPETITIVE ASPECTS. THANK YOU. (END TEXT) TOON

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